(e) and (f) Presently our thrust is towards manufacturing and exporting parts/ sub-assemblies for aircrafts including combat aircrafts.

The steps taken are participation by HAL in Air shows, and Defence Exhibitions abroad, and establishment of contacts with Aircraft manufacturers and user agencies.

NCC Training

3153. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make N.C.C. compulsory in schools and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The cost of imparting compulsory NCC training in all schools and colleges would be prohibitive.

Purchase of war planes by Pakistan

3154. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan is going to purchase fifty Mirage war planes; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Government have been unconfirmed Press reports regarding Pakistan considering purchase of fifty Mirage aircraft. Government keep a close watch on all such developments and take appropriate measures to ensure Defence preparedness. It will not be in public interest to divulge details.

घायल सैनिक स्कूल

3155. **श्री सुशील बारोंगपा:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार हिमाचल प्रदेश में घायल सैनिक स्कूल को स्थान्तरित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या इस स्कूल के स्तर में सुधार करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) :(क) से (ग) सेना मुख्यालय ने वर्ष 1989 में निम्नलिखित आधार पर हिमाचल प्रदेश में चैल में स्थित मिलिटरी स्कूल को स्थानान्तरित करने का प्रस्ताव किया था :—

(क) स्कूल के भवन एक-दूसरे से अलग-अलग स्थित हैं और ये आवासीय स्कूल के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं हैं।

(ख) यहां पर अत्यधिक सर्दी होने कारण कमरे आदि गर्म करने, खाना पकाने आदि के लिए अपेक्षाकृत अधिक लकड़ियों की आवश्यकता पड़ती है और विशेष वस्त्रों की आवश्यकता होती है । इन सभी कारणों से स्कूल चलाने पर आने वाली लागत में काफी वृद्धि हो गई है ।

(ग) अन्य सुविधाओं की कमी के कारण अर्हता प्राप्त शिक्षक चैल आना पसंद नहीं करते ।

(घ) सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की भी कमी है क्योंकि स्कूल परिसर के बीच से एक आम सड़क गुजरती है ।

(ङ) खेल मैदान की अपर्याप्त सुविधाएं ।

(च) स्कूल दूर-दराज क्षेत्र में स्थित है इसलिए यहां राशन आदि पहुंचाने में भी कठिनाई होती है ।

2. इस संबंध में रक्षा मंत्रालय ने पंजाब, हरियाणा और हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकारों को यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पत्र लिखा है कि क्या वे किसी उपयुक्त स्थान पर स्कूल के लिए कोई और जगह उपलब्ध कराने की स्थिति में हैं । पंजाब सरकार ने चण्डीगढ़ में भूमि उपलब्ध कराने की पेशकश की है परन्तु अन्य दो राज्य सरकारों से अभी तक कोई उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

3. मिलिटरी स्कूल का निरीक्षण समय-समय पर सम्बन्धित प्राधिकारियों द्वारा किया जाता है और इसके स्तर में सुधार लाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ।

Feasibility report of rohtang tunnel in Himachal Pradesh

3156. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the feasibility Report of Rohtang Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the RITES which is the sole identified agent of Government is technically competent to handle the entire work of the Rohtang Tunnel; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The feasibility report of Rohtang tunned includes an interim report based on assessment of existing geophysical conditions after ground survey and study of rock strata. If found technicall feasible, the study shall include suitable preliminary design drawings for construction of the tunnel. M|s. RITES have been adjudged suitable only for undertaking the feasibility study.

(c) Further decision is dependent on the recommendations of the feasibility study.

Handing over of cantonments to civic Bodies

3157. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Cantonment Boards under the Central Command have requested the Government to allow them to handover some of their respective civil areas contiguous to the military lands tc various civic bodies;

(b) whether the said decision has been taken on account of the lapses to raise and collect appropriate rates and taxes;

(c) whether there has been any resisance to the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Only one proposal from Mahu Cantonment Board for the excision of approximately 240.60 acres of land in the civil area has emanated so far. This is at a preliminary stage of examination by the Military authorities at HQ Central Command and the Director Defence Estates, Central Command, in consultation with the Cantonment Board.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Complaints of Acquisition of assets by employees of Central Command, Lucknow

3158. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints pertaining of acquisition of assets by employees of Cantonment Boards under the Centarl Command, Lucknow which are disproportionate to their sources of income have been pending since long;

(b) whether delay in causing huge loss to Government revenue; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite disposal of such cases?